



Agenda Item: Bid Award

Title: Bid Rejection – 3rd Street Water Main Replacement Phase II

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move to reject all bids received for the 3rd Street Water Main Replacement Phase II project.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

The City of Laramie Purchasing Policy, 2020-07

“The City Manager shall make recommendations to the City Council regarding bids received. Contracts or purchases shall be rejected or approved by resolution of the City Council. The City Council may reject all bids if none of the bid responses are found to be in the public interest.”

Background:

The 3rd Street Water Main Replacement Phase II project intends to replace the existing water main within 3rd Street providing upgrades to the connections to all side streets and upgrading water services to the property line. The project was bid with a base bid extending from approximately Palmer Drive to University Avenue. A bid alternate was included to complete improvements between University Avenue and Gibbon Street.

Staff solicited bids for the construction of the 3rd Street Water Main Replacement Phase II project in accordance with the City of Laramie Purchasing Policy. Bids were received on April 6, 2021, with the following results:

- Mountain View Building, Inc. Base Bid \$4,941,977.00
 Bid Alternate #1 \$1,991,758.00

The engineer’s estimate for the base bid portion of this project was \$2,663,436.00. The resulting bid received is 45% higher than the engineer’s cost estimate. Staff has received a letter recommending the rejection of bids from the design engineer, WWC Engineering, which is attached. The project will be re-bid later in the year with the anticipated drop in pipe prices.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

BUDGET/FISCAL INFORMATION:**REVENUE**

Source	Amount	Type
Fees/Charges for Service	\$4,475,000.00	3RDSTU 510-7025-461-7350
Fees/Charges for Service	\$60,000.00	3RDSTU 510-8015-432-7340
Loans on Project		
Other		
Total	\$4,535,000.00	

Amount spent to date (approved and adopted by Council)

Budget	Amount	Funds
Total Budget Allocation	\$4,535,000.00	3RDSTU
Less Amount Spent to Date	\$415,800.00	WWC Engineering Professional Engineering Services
Less Amount Spent to Date	\$700,428.00	3rd Street Insert Valve Project
Remainder of Budget	\$3,418,772.00	

Responsible Staff:

Brooks Webb, Public Works Director
Eric Jaap, P.E., City Engineer
William Winkler, P.E., Civil Engineer

Attachments:

WWC Engineering Bid Recommendation